

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on January 20, 2017 at 9:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Mary Moe (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Vice Chair (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 107, 1/10/2017; SB 113, 1/10/2017; SB 117, 1/13/2017

HEARING ON SB 117

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:47 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 117, Revise laws relating to executing power of attorney for a minor.

[EXHIBIT\(jus15a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:11 Bowen Greenwood, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:31 Shannon McDonald, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:19:16 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:12 Sen. Sales
00:23:20 Ms. McDonald, DPHHS
00:24:09 Sen. MacDonald
00:25:05 Ms. Turner, MCADSV
00:25:37 Chairman Regier
00:26:12 Ms. Turner
00:26:41 Sen. Swandal
00:27:08 Sen. Vincent
00:27:30 Mr. Greenwood, MFF
00:28:51 Sen. Vincent
00:29:25 Sen. Webb
00:31:25 Sen. Gross
00:31:37 Sen. Webb
00:33:17 Sen. Sands
00:34:13 Sen. Webb
00:37:01 Sen. Swandal
00:37:25 Sen. Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:38 Sen. Webb

HEARING ON SB 113

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:10 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 113,
Providing for disclosure of child and family services records to legislators.

[EXHIBIT\(jus15a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:45:37 Laura Smith, deputy director, Department of Public Health and Human Services
00:47:16 Maurita Johnson, administrator, Children and Families Division, Department of
Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:48:37 Chairman Regier left the hearing room; Vice-Chair Sands assumed the
chairperson's role.

00:49:27 Joyce Funda, former commissioner, Protect Montana Kids Commission (PMKC);
past executive director, CASA/Montana; Family Law attorney/mediator

00:54:46 Jani McCall, commissioner, Protect Montana Kids Commission, Yellowstone
Boys and Girls Ranch; Inter-mountain Childrens Home; Family Support Network

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:59 Sen. MacDonald
00:57:47 Sen. Moore
00:58:57 Sheila Hogan, director, DPHHS
00:59:39 Sen. Moe
01:01:17 Ms. Johnson, DPHHS
01:01:32 Sen. Moe
01:02:28 Ms. Funda, PMKC
01:07:38 Sen. Moe
01:07:53 Shannon McDonald, DPHHS
01:09:42 Sen. Swandal
01:10:28 Ms. McDonald, DPHHS
01:10:45 Chair Sands
01:11:19 Ms. McDonald
01:11:49 Chair Sands
01:12:52 Ms. Hogan, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:19 Sen. Moore

HEARING ON SB 107

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:15:46 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 107, Provide liability limits for emergency care by volunteer emergency responders.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:57 Rob Brandt, president, Meagher County Search and Rescue

01:21:18 Shane Sereday, past president, current member, Meagher County Search and Rescue

01:22:27 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

01:23:23 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

01:24:30 Sen. Vincent

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:24:57 Chair Sands

01:25:23 Sen. Kary

01:25:34 Sen. Moe

01:26:06 Mr. Smith, MTLA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:11 Sen. Kary

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:28 A.M.

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jus15aad.pdf](#))